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1. Support to other components:

a. Evaluation of the Soviet ICBM Estimate (11-5-58): At the request of the DCI, GMIC has evaluated subject estimate and I/GM, aided by other KRA branches has contributed to that part of the evaluation related to production and deployment. The evaluation is based on current activities required to support Soviet programs of estimated magnitude. The I/GM contribution was singled out for informal commendation by ONE Staff. On 28 October, Chief, I/GM also briefed GMIC on the major findings of the evaluation. The study is now being exploited by I/GM to devise new suggestions for collection.

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d. Gaps in Soviet Military Expenditures: I/M's contribution to NIE 11-4-58 (distributed on 4 November as IP-643), based on revisions in service estimates and refinements in analysis, runs as much as 10 percent below previous estimates for certain years. It should be noted that the break in the trend of estimated Soviet military requirements in 1957-58, as compared with total estimates of machinery and electronics production for these years may imply the existence of an unaccounted for Soviet military program.

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e. Briefing of AFCIN officer on military costing: As previously reported, AFCIN continues to show an interest in I/MS's military costing techniques. The branch briefed Dr. Passony (AFCIN), on methods and problems of military costing. At Dr. Passony's suggestion I/MS will participate in a joint briefing of the Library of Congress, Air Information Staff in November.

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3d. Future Plans:

a. The USIB Ad Hoc Panel of Consultants is being convened on 12 November to consider CMIC's evaluation of NIE 11-5-58. (See Para. 1a, above).

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